

RESPONSIVE REMARKS TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Restriction was made with respect to the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-6 and 11-18, drawn to a fuel processor, classified in class 422, subclass 198.
- II. Claims 7-10 drawn to a method for controlling thermal startup temperatures in a fuel processor, classified in class 48, subclass various.

In the Requirements, Applicant believes the groupings are more correctly:

- I. Claims 1-6 and 12-18;
- II. Claims 7-11.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-6, drawn to a fuel processor, classified in class 422, subclass 198, and Claims 12-18, drawn to a temperature control.

In the requirement for additional election, Applicant believes that the Office Action meant to cite Group **Ia** to be 3-6, 13-14 and 16-18; Claim 2 is **Ib**; and Claim 15 is **Ic**. However, Claim 2 recites features consistent with Claim 16 to be examined; and Claim 15 recites features consistent with Claim 3 to be examined.

Clearly, all of Group I, Claims 1-6 and 12-18 are most appropriately examined together. Thus, corrected **Ia** is elected, namely, 1, 3-6, 12-14 and 16-18; and it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2 and 15 should be included, resulting in examination of Claims 1-6 and 12-18 together.

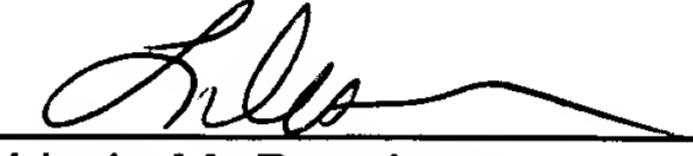
Applicant respectfully submits that no undo burden is incurred by the search and examination of Claims 7-11, along with 1, 3-6, 12-14, 16-18 and also 2 and 15 for the reasons given herein.

By this present submission, Applicant makes no admission as to the correctness of the requirement and this submission is being made to further prosecution to allowable subject matter.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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